

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision compel their stations to use public airwaves to broadcast "Stolen Honor" is a chilling example of inappropriate corporate influence in our media.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, "free" market forces trump democratic values and potential. Broadcast television news should reflect the values of local communities and not be homogenized at some remote corporate headquarters.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate the clear need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.